

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“\_\_\_”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“ ”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~comprising the steps of:~~ comprising:  
determining an Internet presence of a contact identified in an email message;  
and  
initiating an instant messaging (IM) chat session with the contact in response to  
determining that the contact is present.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of initiating~~  
the IM chat session ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises:  
generating an IM chat window;  
obtaining information from the email message; and  
displaying the obtained information in the generated IM chat window.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~the step of~~  
obtaining information from the email message ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises:  
obtaining a subject of the email message.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~the step of~~  
displaying the obtained information ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises:  
displaying the subject of the email message in the generated IM chat window.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying the subject of the email message ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises: providing the subject of the email message as an IM chat message.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein ~~the step of~~ obtaining information from the email message ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises: obtaining a body of the email message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying the obtained information ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises: displaying the body of the email message in the generated IM chat window.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying the body of the email message ~~comprises the steps of:~~ comprises: providing the body of the email message as an IM chat message.

9. (Original) A system comprising:  
means for determining an Internet presence of a contact identified in an email message; and  
means for initiating an instant messaging (IM) chat session with the contact in response to determining that the contact is present.

10. (Original) A system comprising:  
presence logic configured to determine an Internet presence of a contact identified in an email message; and

chat-initiation logic configured to initiate an instant messaging (IM) chat session with the contact in response to determine that the contact is present.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ system of claim 10, further comprising:

chat-window-generation logic configured to generate an IM chat window;  
information-retrieval logic configured to obtain information from the email message; and

display logic configured to display the obtained information in the generated IM chat window.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ system of claim 11, further comprising:

subject-retrieval logic configured to obtain a subject of the email message.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable medium~~ system of claim 12, further comprising:

subject-display logic configured to display the subject of the email message in the generated IM chat window.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising:  
computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine an Internet presence of a contact from an email message; and

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to initiate an instant messaging (IM) chat session with the contact in response to ~~determine~~ determining that the contact is present.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, further comprising:

- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to generate an IM chat window;
- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to obtain information from the email message; and
- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to display the obtained information in the generated IM chat window.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, further comprising:

- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to obtain a subject of the email message.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 16, further comprising:

- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to display the subject of the email message in the generated IM chat window.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

- computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide the subject of the email message as an IM chat message.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 15, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to obtain a body of the email message.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to display the body of the email message in the generated IM chat window.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising:

computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to provide the body of the email message as an IM chat message.